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SUBJECT: SAN JOSE CONFERENCE (CUBA) -- MEETING WITH FONMIN

FACIO

1. AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD MET JULY 15 WITH COSTA RICAN FONMIN FACIO TO COMPARE NOTES ON DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING HANDLING OF CUBA SANCTIONS ISSUE. FACIO INDICATED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT MEXICO WILLING TO TAKE LEAD, BUT SAID HE WOULD TALK TO LIEVANO IF ANY PROBLEM AROSE IN THAT RESPECT. HE COUNTED 14 VOTES FOR A FREEDOM OF ACTION RESOLUTION (INCLUDING US AND HAITI), ALTHOUGH HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE HAPPIER IF HE COULD FIND ONE OR TWO MORE.

2. FACIO MENTIONED THAT IN COURSE OF JULY 10 MEETING OF

CENTRAL AMERICAN PRESIDENTS HE HAD GOTTEN IMPRESSION THAT GUATEMALA AND NICARAGUA MIGHT BE WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH FREEDOM OF ACTION. GUATEMALAN PRESIDENT, HE SAID, WAS CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH CUBA'S REENTRY INTO OAS AND SEEMED WILLING TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL WHICH WENT ONLY TO QUESTION OF MANDATORY SANCTIONS. ACCORDING TO FACIO, SOMOZA NOW SEES SELF AS HEAD OF MORE PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT IN NICARAGUA, AND THUS IS MUCH MORE WILLING THAN HIS CONSERVATIVE

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TIVE FONMIN MONTIEL TO JOIN SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY OF MEMBER

STATES IN DEALING WITH CUBA ISSUE.

3. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT FREEDOM OF ACTION FORMULA CAN
OBTAIN SUPPORT OF AT LEAST THE NECESSARY 14 VOTES REQUIRED
FOR PASSAGE. FACIO FEELS, HOWEVER, AND WE AGREE, THAT A FEW
INSURANCE VOTES HIGHLY DESIRABLE.

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